

Andersson helps UN draft rights for disabled people worldwide

Dr. Yerker Andersson had an opportunity to continue work on behalf of disabled people worldwide when he attended the United Nations' Meeting of Experts on Alternative Ways to Mark the End of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons held in Finland May 7-11.

Andersson, who is a professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, is also president of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD). Although he was invited to the United Nations meeting as president of the WFD, he attended the conference in place of Gallaudet President King Jordan, who was unable to attend.

Among the recommendations drafted at the conclusion of the five-day meeting was the committee's decision that the WFD should share its expertise in sign language research, teaching, and training interpreters with the United Nations to develop a model program of applied research and training for indigenous sign languages.

The WFD will choose the most qualified linguists for this model program, both from Gallaudet and from other universities. "This kind of competition will help Gallaudet to improve the quality of its expertise," said Andersson.

In addition to the written recommendations, "The disabled people with hearing and the nondisabled people told us deaf people that we had made an impact on them," said Andersson, "because in the past [hearing disabled people] concentrated only on physical barriers, not social barriers. Our participation induced them to change their

perspective on the barrier concept."

While in Finland prior to the United Nations conference, Andersson met with a representative of Disabled Persons International (DPI). DPI was established by the United Nations in response to the International Year of Disabled Persons with the idea that its members would speak for all people with disabilities. Because the WFD feels that DPI's representatives do not understand deafness and deaf people adequately, it is trying to gain full membership in DPI so it can influence its decisions.

The WFD also formed a membership agreement with the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People and is working on one with the World Blind Union (WBU) in England, "so our federation will work more closely with all organizations of disabled people," Andersson said.

Andersson's trip to Finland was only one of many he has taken since last September and will take before September 1990. Last fall, he traveled to Vancouver, B.C., to begin planning the International Congress and Exposition on Disability: Independence '92 that will be held in Vancouver April 22-25, 1992. It will precede the 3rd World Congress of Disabled Persons International to be held April 25-28, 1992, also in Vancouver.

As a member of the National Advisory Committee for the congress, Andersson helped form the philosophy of the program and plan it. He was also recently appointed to serve on the International Committee, whose members

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Aspects of deafness and family life is focus of summer lecture series

Four special presentations offered through the 1990 Family Life Lecture Series will focus on unique aspects of deafness in the family.

The lectures or panel discussions, sponsored by the National Academy, College for Continuing Education, are designed for deaf and hearing parents, university students, and professionals interested in the impact of deafness on the family. They will be held on Mondays from 4-5 p.m. in Ely Auditorium.

The series includes:

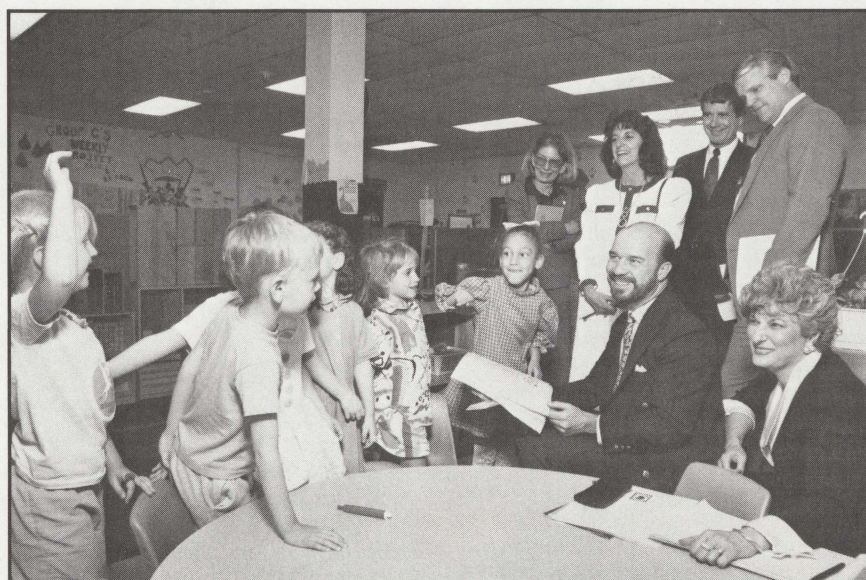
- June 25—"Marriage and Deafness: 'I Do' or 'I Won't'." A panel of deaf and hearing couples will discuss their experiences as married couples adapting to deaf and hearing cultural issues and will offer suggestions for coping with emotional, social, and communication aspects of marriage.

- July 2—"Parent-Child Communi-

cation Development." This presentation will focus on developing communication between deaf children and their parents, with exploration of how different aspects of communication play a role in the development of language.

- July 9—"Deafness and Intergenerational Relationships Between Families and Grandparents." This lecture, focusing on the relationship between grandparents and their deaf grandchildren, will share ideas about various approaches to help create stronger bonds between grandparents and grandchildren.

- July 16—"Residential Schools: Parent-School Relationships." A panel of parents with children in residential schools and educators working in these schools will address the topic of how to develop higher expectations for deaf children in residential schools.



Members of the Task Force on Day Care Design, including Peggy Cavazos (standing, left), wife of Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos, visit the Child Development Center. Seated with the children are task force members Antonio Torrice of Living and Learning Environments, Burlingame, Calif.; and Jacky Dejonge, dean of the College of Human Ecology, University of Tennessee.

Cashier's 'pause that refreshes' brings surprise stroke of luck

Good fortune made Donna Butler's day a little brighter on the morning of Friday, June 8, when she dropped by the bookstore to buy a Coke.

Butler, an income cashier in the Cashier's Office, bought a can of Coca Cola Classic after a trip to the Riggs bank branch office at Ely Center. When she flipped the pop-top, instead of cold soda, she discovered a plastic cylinder containing a \$5 bill, making her one of the 7,000 lucky Coke drinkers who found a "Magic Can" each day during the promotion.

In Coke's \$4 million advertising pro-

motion for Coca Cola Classic, \$5, \$10, \$50, and \$500 rolled in plastic tubes were placed in ordinary Coke cans and suspended in water to give the cans the feel of "The Real Thing."

But when Butler opened the can, and didn't see the familiar caramel color of Coke inside, she started to throw it away. "I'd forgotten all about it [the promotion]," said Butler.

"Then I saw the number five and I opened it up and it was a real bill, and I started smiling from ear to ear—it was amazing!"

Butler said that getting the Magic Can "made her day," and everyone else's in the Cashier's Office. "Everybody passed it around to get a good look at it," Butler said.

But the rest of the Gallaudet campus should be warned not to waste their time descending on the bookstore to snatch up the remaining cans of Coca Cola Classic in hopes of finding another Magic Can: Alas, the contest is no more.

"We've had to cancel it," a spokeswoman in Coke's Silver Spring, Md., office said on June 11. "People were hurting themselves. They would see the cylinder and get excited and couldn't wait for it to pop out of the can," she explained. Instead, the frantic winners would try to dig into the hole in the can, resulting in a number of cut fingers on the sharp aluminum edges, and then complaints and threats of lawsuits to the company.

"It's too bad," the spokeswoman said about cancelling the contest, "but what can you do?"



Cashier Donna Butler displays her Coca Cola "Magic Can." It didn't quench her thirst but it made her \$5 wealthier.

DOSS Crime Report

The following criminal activities at Gallaudet were reported by the Department of Safety and Security from May 28 to June 6. Crimes such as minor vandalisms and petty thefts occurring in predominantly student areas have been omitted. No suspects were identified unless otherwise noted.

• 5/28—A bicycle was stolen from in front of Cogswell Hall.

• 5/29—Office equipment was stolen from room #124 of Ely Center.

• 5/30—A vehicle parked at Hanson Plaza east had a window broken and steering column damaged; a vehicle at MSSD had a window broken and ignition switch damaged.

• 6/5—Telephone equipment was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked at Benson Hall; two juvenile suspects were arrested and charged with attempted theft after a DOSS investigator observed them trying to cut a bicycle free from a rack at Carlin Hall.

Announcements

Deaf and hard of hearing people are invited to meet Delegate Susan Cohen of the Maryland Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services at a forum at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25, at Wheaton Regional Library, 11701 Georgia Ave. Topics to be discussed will be equal access to public libraries for people with disabilities, library services for children with disabilities, and literacy for people with disabilities. An interpreter will be provided. For more information, call 493-2555 (V) or x2554 (TDD).

Upcoming topics and their presenters in the Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival Lecture Series include: "Empowerment and Deaf Adults," Patricia Johanson, June 19; "Deaf Women," Sharon Wood, June 21; "Communication Parameters," Mervin Garretson, June 26; "A Perspective from a Deaf/Hard of Hearing Child of Deaf Adults," Jacqueline Kinner, June 28. All lectures are from 4-5 p.m. in Ely Auditorium. The series, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Programs in Adult and Continuing Education and the College for Continuing Education.

The following sign interpreted tours are available this summer through the Alumni Relations Office and Programs in Adult and Continuing Education: "Great Cities of Europe," July 23 to Aug. 5; British Deaf Association Cente-

nary Congress, Brighton, England, Aug. 6 to 15; "Deaf Tour of England," Aug. 15 to 22; "Voyage of the Glaciers," Vancouver to Anchorage, Sept 1 to 8; and "Greens of Estoril, Portugal," Oct. 6 to 13. For more information, call Travel Department, Inc., 525-2800 (V).

The third national conference of Deaf Women United will be held in Boston July 11 to 15. Topics to be covered include alcoholism and women, the environment, assertiveness training, empowerment, and oppression. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Roslyn Rosen, dean of Gallaudet's College for Continuing Education. For more information, call Yvonne Dunkle evenings at 617-933-2699 (TDD).

Gallaudet has been awarded a biomedical research support grant from The National Institutes of Health through the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI) for at least \$12,000 during the fiscal year to upgrade laboratory computer facilities for ongoing health related research. Funding will be awarded on the basis of review of applications, which must be submitted by July 4. For more information, call GRI, x5400.

The Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department's TDD number is 727-9334. The department wishes to inform the deaf community that, due to other incoming emergency calls, there is often a delay in answering the TDD line, causing many deaf people to believe that they have failed to get through to the police department. Deaf callers are asked to be patient and stay on the line until the dispatch clerk is able to begin communication.

The Hilton Hotels Corporation wishes to inform the deaf community that each of its hotels and inns throughout the nation are installed with smoke detectors with visual warning devices. The devices are also connected to the hotel's fire alarm system, a separate function to provide an additional level of safety. Deaf guests at the hotel are asked to request rooms equipped with the visual warning system when making reservations. The Child Development Center has a few vacancies in its kindergarten program this fall. Anyone interested in enrolling their child, obtaining more information about the center's programs, can call Gail Solit, x5130.



MSSD English Department instructor Mary Martone gets her 10-year service award from Honors Program Director Richard Meisegeier, while Dean of Pre-College Programs Michael Deninger looks on.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Due to the July 4 holiday, *On the Green* will not be published on July 2, and ads received June 18-29 will appear in the July 9 issue.

FOR SALE: G.E. washer/dryer, harvest yellow, exc. cond., \$200/each; G.E. refrigerator, harvest yellow, exc. cond., \$350; large Tappan microwave oven, almost new, \$200. Call Mary, x6103 (TDD) days, or 220-0530 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: 7-piece walnut dining room set w/6 high-back chairs, white upholstery, table has extension leaf, \$225/BO; Walnut and glass lighted china hutch, contemporary styling, cabinet and base, 78 in. high by 54 in. wide, \$500/BO. Call x5392, or 829-0782 (V) eves.

WANTED: Deaf female professional in early 30s seeks place to rent and a hearing or deaf roommate, no smokers or pets, Northern Va. only. Call 694-1921 (V), or 694-0902 (TDD) days, or 521-4628 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Caring deaf or deaf and hearing family to host a 17-yr.-old deaf female exchange student from Finland. Call Jane, x5018, or 333-3246 (V/TDD).

FOR RENT: Furnished room w/private bath in townhouse in Old Town Alexandria, Va., CAC, convenient parking, yard w/deck, walk to Old Town, nonsmokers only, \$400/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call 836-4436 (V) eves.

FOR SALE: Large 83-in. luxury sleep sofa by Simmons, white, originally \$1,100, now \$650. Call 683-4527 (V) eves.

FOR SALE: '89 4-wheel drive Cherokee Pioneer w/AC, AM/FM cassette, cruise control, rear window defroster, 37K mi. Call x5355, ask for x3553.

FOR RENT: Large basement in house inside Beltway in Silver Spring, Md., private entrance and bath, furnished or not, share kitchen, renter must be clean and mature, no pets, security deposit required, avail. ASAP, rent neg. Call x5355, ask for x3553.

FOR SALE: Modern, Southwest-style off-white sofa w/throw back pillows, \$350; contemporary dining room table w/4 chairs, \$250; brown wood executive desk w/brown swivel chair, \$150; Kenmore microwave, \$150. Call Murray, x5165 or 933-8055 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: Queen-size sleep sofa w/rust and white country pattern, good cond., \$250/BO; Sears Kenmore microwave, 15 in., exc. cond., \$100/BO. Call Cindy, x4421, or Mike, x8-5808.

FOR SALE: Pocket Protege dictation machine inc. console, foot pedal, head set, demo cable, 2 yrs. old, great cond., \$1,250/BO. Call Niki or Kayla, x5096.

FOR SALE: Pekingese pups, AKC, vet checked, male and females, ready in 6 wks., \$250-\$300/each. Leave message for Sterling Brown x5181, or 423-5506 (V).

WANTED: Person to share house in Cheverly, Md., w/nonsmoking females, 10-min. drive to Kendall Green, near Metro, prefer no pets, avail. Aug. 1. Call Sandy, x5591 or x5047 (TDD) noon-2 p.m., or 322-3924 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Drip coffee maker for 2-10 cups, \$12; 4-slot toaster, \$18; 2 folding chairs, \$7/each; Bissell rechargeable, cordless vacuum cleaner, \$50; 35 mm Nikon camera, \$75. Write Edwin R. Tan, campus P.O. Box 1574.

WANTED: Babysitter for deaf baby boy, 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri., Aug. 27, 1990-June 14, 1991. Call Jen or Wilton, x5310 days, or x5413 eves.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

AUDIOLOGIST II: School of Preparatory Studies
BOOKSTORE SUPERVISOR: Bookstore
DIRECTOR, STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES: Student Health Services
FAMILY EDUCATION COORDINATOR: Diagnostic and Support Services
PHYSICAL THERAPIST: Diagnostic and Support Services
COORDINATOR, SPECIAL POPULATIONS PROGRAM: National Academy
FACULTY POSITION, MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERPRETING PROGRAM: Department of Linguistics and Interpreting
INSTRUCTOR/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, COMMUNICATION: Department of Communication and Developmental Studies

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will serve as liaisons internationally to promote the event.

Andersson went to Austria in January for the WFD board meeting and attended a conference in Italy later in the winter where he and associates examined what is happening in schools for deaf students around the world. In March, he attended the International Sign Language Research and Application Congress in West Germany.

Andersson will leave the country again in August—this time to attend WFD's board meeting in England and to speak at the British Deaf Association Centenary celebration.

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